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From: Peterson, Cynthia
Sent: Fri 5/15/2015 5:07:16 PM
Subject: RE: Upper Animas Site Web page

This is great! Thanks so much for your help with this! I'll follow up with you as the pieces start coming into place.

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From: Wall, Dan
Sent: Friday, May 15, 2015 11:04 AM
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Currently scheduled for the week of Aug 3.

I had promised some text for why we are sampling what we are sampling. Below can be used as a start. I will be glad to revise and focus when you get a rough draft put together.

The Animas River flows through the town of Silverton in San Juan County, CO. This waterway is affected by flow which has come in contact with mineralized material, either naturally or as a result of mining activities, such as through the creation of mine adits. Affected water originates in the Animas River headwaters and its tributaries above Silverton and the upper reaches of the two major tributaries of the Animas River in this area, namely Cement Creek and Mineral Creek.

Recent investigations of the potential impacts of metals from Cement Creek on the Upper Animas River have revealed significant sources of contamination upstream of Cement Creek at levels likely harmful to aquatic life (BERA citation). A significant amount of information has been collected from the Animas River above Silverton over the last 20 years (cite UAA, USGS 1651 and DMG Reclamation Feasibility Reports) however it is not clear that that information is representative of current conditions. This sampling plan will provide current information regarding the nature and extent of contamination above the influence of Cement Creek.

Additionally, this SAP also includes preliminary nature and extent of contamination in pore water, sediment and fluvial deposits of tailings and waste rock in and adjacent to the Upper Animas River.

Recent sampling events by EPA have also focused on determining the load allocation amongst known metal sources in Cement Creek. These investigations have led EPA to conclude that installation of a bulkhead in the Red and Bonita Mine is necessary to reduce metals loading in the Animas River. The installation of the bulkhead is planned for the Fall of 2015 and sentinel monitoring locations in the Cement Creek drainage have been selected to assess the effects of this action.

From: Peterson, Cynthia
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Another question – When will we be sampling soils and mine waste at the mines and in the riparian area? Is that concurrent with surface water, sediment and pore water sampling this spring and fall?

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I added on some suggestions. Paula, I have a question for you embedded in the text. Let's talk about that tomorrow if you have time.

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Cynthia – A few additional suggested edits.

thanks

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Paula,

Thanks for the additional ideas. Specifically on the links to other sites, I agree that is a great idea. I suggest we get this basic site up and running, and then add those links as we can.

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Cynthia – I have a couple more comments on this but overall it looks good. My only other comment is that I would like to see us provide some links to examples of SF cleanups at other sites that resulted in some reuse/redevelopment projects that would benefit the community – perhaps in another update to the web page later this summer.

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Hi, All.

Liz, Paula and I have put together the attached text for an Upper Animas Site Web page. Richard has weighed in, as well. We are wanting to keep it pretty basic at this point and plan to expand on it in the future.

Could you take a look at the text and let me know if you have any edits, corrections or suggestions. We are eager to “go live” with the page, so please get back to me by COB Friday if possible.

Thanks!

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